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INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE ECONOMIC REHABILITATION OF ANGOLA

Report of the Second Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1992, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled "International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item, together with item 87, "Special economic and disaster relief assistance: (a) Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator; (b) Special programmes of economic assistance", and item 144, "International cooperation and assistance to alleviate the consequences of war in Croatia and to facilitate its recovery".

3. The items were considered at the 25th, 26th and 40th meetings, on 29 October and 16 November 1992. Action on item 88 was taken at the 34th and 48th meetings on 10 November and 7 December. An account of the Committee's discussion of the items is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/47/25, 26, 34, 40 and 48). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 9th meetings, from 5 to 8 October (see A/C.2/47/SR.3-9).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on international assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola (A/47/531);

(b) Letter dated 23 October 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General enclosing a copy of the statement on Angola made by the European Community and its member States in London and Brussels on 22 October 1992 (A/47/579-S/24712).

5. At the 25th meeting, on 29 October, introductory statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, the Director of the Department of Political Affairs and the Coordinator of Assistance to the Least-Developed Countries, Regional Bureau for Africa of the United Nations Development Programme (see A/C.2/47/SR.25).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.2/47/L.17 AND REV.1

6. At the 34th meeting, on 10 November, the representative of Portugal, also on behalf of Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Benin, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, China, the Congo, Cuba, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Gabon, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mozambique, Namibia, the Niger, Nigeria, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Togo, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe, subsequently joined by Bosnia and Herzegovina, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/47/L.17) entitled "International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling resolutions 46/142 of 17 December 1991, 45/233 of 21 December 1990 and 44/168 of 15 December 1989 concerning international assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola,

"Recalling also Security Council resolutio 387 (1976) of 31 March 1976, 475 (1980) of 27 June 1980, 628 (1989) of 16 January 1989 and other resolutions of the Council regarding international assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola, in which, inter alia, the international community was requested to render assistance to Angola,

"Deeply concerned about the serious economic situation prevailing in Angola, caused by acts of aggression and destabilization that have victimized Angola during the past sixteen years,

"Also concerned about the continuous drought that ravages the central and southern regions of the country and adversely affects millions of lives,

"Taking into consideration that the signing of the Peace Accords for Angola 1/ and the ongoing process of national reconstruction is creating favourable conditions for economic and social rehabilitation of the country,

"Conscious of the need for greater effort and engagement on the part of the international community to assist Angola in rehabilitating its economy,

"1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on international assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola; 2/

"2. Calls upon all parties to do their utmost to achieve the full and effective implementation of the Peace Accords for Angola 1/ and national reconciliation goals, thus creating the ideal conditions for the economic rehabilitation of the country;

"3. Expresses its appreciation to Member States, United Nations organizations and other donors for the emergency humanitarian assistance rendered to Angola through the Special Relief Programme for Angola, and appeals for generous contributions for the continuation of the Programme;

"4. Reiterates its appeal to the international community to continue to render the material, technical and financial assistance necessary for the economic rehabilitation of Angola;

"5. Requests the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the international community, to continue to mobilize organizations and organs of the United Nations system in order to increase the level of economic assistance for Angola;

"6. Welcomes the decision of the Government of Angola to organize a donors' round-table conference for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Angola in 1993, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme, the African Development Bank, the Government of Portugal and other interested countries;

"7. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

"8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled 'International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola'."

1/ S/22609, annex; see Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-sixth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1991, document S/22609.

2/ A/47/531.

7. At the 48th meeting, on 7 December, the Committee had before it a revised draft resolution (A/C.2/47/L.17/Rev.1), submitted by the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.17, joined by Djibouti, Malawi, Spain, Tunisia and Uganda.

8. The Committee was informed that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

9. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.17/Rev.1 without a vote (see para. 11).

10. After the adoption of the revised draft resolution the representative of Angola made a statement.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

11. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 46/142 of 17 December 1991, 45/233 of 21 December 1990 and 44/168 of 15 December 1989 concerning international assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola,

Recalling also Security Council resolutions 387 (1976) of 31 March 1976, 475 (1980) of 27 June 1980, 628 (1989) of 16 January 1989 and other resolutions of the Council regarding international assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola, in which, inter alia, the international community was requested to render assistance to Angola,

Deeply concerned about the serious economic and political situation prevailing in Angola,

Concerned about the continuous drought which has ravaged the central and southern regions of the country and adversely affects millions of lives,

Taking into consideration the fact that the implementation of the Peace Accords for Angola 3/ would create favourable conditions for economic and social rehabilitation of the country,

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3/ See S/22609, annex; see Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-sixth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1991, document S/22609.

Conscious of the need for continuing effort and engagement on the part of the international community to assist Angola in rehabilitating its economy,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on international assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola; 4/

2. Calls upon all parties to do their utmost to achieve the full and effective implementation of the Peace Accords for Angola 3/ and national reconciliation goals, thus creating conditions conducive to the economic rehabilitation of the country;

3. Expresses its appreciation to Member States, United Nations organizations and other donors for the emergency humanitarian assistance rendered to Angola through the Special Relief Programme for Angola, and appeals for continued and generous contributions for emergency humanitarian assistance;

4. Reiterates its appeal to the international community to continue to render the material, technical and financial assistance necessary for the economic rehabilitation of Angola;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the international community, to continue to mobilize organizations and organs of the United Nations system in order to ensure an appropriate level of economic assistance for Angola;

6. Welcomes the decision of the Government of Angola to organize a donors' round-table conference for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Angola in 1993, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme, the African Development Bank, the Government of Portugal and other interested countries;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola".

4/ A/47/531.